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1. DEPARTMENT ATTENTION CALLED TO USDAO MEXICO MESSAGE
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2. AS REPORTED TELCONS MNS MANZANILLO NOW ENROUTE
VIETNAM. ALUSNA SOURCES SAY INTENT IS NON-STOP VOYAGE
MEXICO TO MANILA AND THENCE TO SAIGON. ALUSNA DUBIOUS ABOUT
CAPACITY VESSEL TO STEAM THIS RANGE WITHOUT BUNKERING. WE
BELIEVE THAT POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR BUNKERING OR OTHER
SUPPORT FROM USG MUST BE ANTICIPATED.

3. WE PLAN TO MAKE MEXICAN NAVY OFFICIALS AWARE OF
EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS CITED TELCONS. QUERY: FOR
OUR INFORMATION, WHAT IS DATE OF THESE REGULATIONS?)

4. COMMENT: VOYAGE OF MANZANILLO IS OBVIOUSLY POLITICAL
GESTURE ON PART OF ECHEVERRIA AND CARGO, PRESUMABLY GIFT
FROM GOM, WILL CLEARLY HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON VIETNAM'S
RECONSTRUCTION. IF WAIVER OF CITED
REGULATIONS IS POSSIBLE, AND IF AT SOME POINT DEPARTMENT
AND INTERESTED AGENCIES WASHINGTON HAVE SUCH ACTION
UNDER CONSIDERATION, FACT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT
MANY US PUBLIC, NAVY AND COAST GUARD VESSELS CALL AT
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MEXICAN PORTS EACH YEAR. ANY ACTION

TAKEN BY USG WHICH MIGHT BE SEEN AS PUNITIVE BY
MEXICANS COULD WELL ELICIT REPRISALS.
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